

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 78 - SB 255**

April 1, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases, from 10 to 11, the membership of the Water Quality Control Board (WQCB). Decreases, from 12 to 11 the membership of the Air Pollution Control Board (APCB). Changes the composition and procedures for nomination, appointment, and duration of terms for members of the WQCB, the APCB, and the Solid Waste Disposal Control Board (SWDCB).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact – \$10,900**

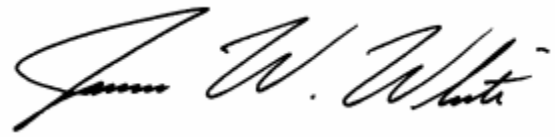
Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), currently, the WQCB and the SWDCB are composed of both citizen members (eligible for compensation for time and expenses associated with board meetings) and state employee members (do not receive per diem or travel expenses). The members of the APCB are eligible for a per diem allowance of \$50.
- According to the provisions of this bill, the WQCB and the SWDCB will be composed of citizen members. As a result, expenditures are estimated to increase. Citizen members receive compensation and reimbursement of approximately \$240 per meeting. According to current law there are seven citizen members of the WQCB. Under the provisions of this bill there will be 11 (a net increase of 4 citizen members). There will be a net increase of two citizen members on the SWDCB. The total net increase in citizen members for these two boards is six. It is assumed that these two boards will each meet for approximately 18 days per year. As a result, the total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be approximately \$25,900 (6 x \$240 x 18 = \$25,920)
- According to the provisions of the bill, the members of the APCB will not receive compensation. This will result in a decrease in recurring state expenditures of approximately \$15,000 because these members will no longer receive the \$50 per diem.

- The net impact to state expenditures is estimated to be an increase of \$10,900 (\$25,900 - \$15,000 = \$10,900)

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James W. White, Executive Director

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